

Bets are now laying in the West-End of the Town, that Lord B. will be first Lord of the T. before the sitting of Parliament, and that a great Personage will dissolve a certain House before the End of the last Month in Winter.

Six new Regiments are, it is said, to be embodied soon, with a View of supplying our great Company with sufficient Aid. Should certain Petitions be heard and this Event be an immediate Consequence, there will be room for alarming Conjectures.

By Advices from the West-Indies we are informed, that it is currently reported there, that all the Spanish Ports in those Parts would soon be shut to the Importation of African Slaves by the English, the French of Martinico having left no Stone unturned to possess themselves entirely of this lucrative Trade.

Yesterday his Excellency Sir Francis Bernard, Bart. who arrived in Town on Monday, from Bolton in New-England, had a long Conference with the Earl of Weymouth, and several other Officers of State; and the same Day his Excellency was introduced to his Majesty.

Many Contracts are daily making for a Number of Artificers, in various Branches, to go to New-England, which generally alarms the People concerned in that Trade.

Sept. 7. Yesterday Morning at Two o'Clock, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bute set out from his House in South-Audley-Street, for Dover, in order to embark for France.

On Tuesday Evening, and not before, Sir Francis Bernard, Bart. Governor of Massachusetts-Bay, arrived at the Gentlemen's Hotel in King-Street, St. James's.

A Correspondent from Dunkirk informs us, that an Order has been sent to the frontier Towns and Sea Ports, to apprehend Five English Officers, if they should attempt to pass to England: The orders are so severe, that they are, if apprehended, to be put in Irons, and to be conducted to Paris by the Murechaule.

The Turkish Army which was defeated by Prince Gallitzin on the 13th of July, consisted of 70,000 Men. The Fortresses of Chocim still held out, but was closely blocked up and canonaded on the 8th of August. The Besieged were in great Distress, and the Garrison hardly restrained from Mutiny, by the Promise of Succour, if they held out 'till the 25th. The Turks had still an Army of 70,000 Men at Bender.

Yesterday some extraordinary Dispatches were sent off from the Secretary of State's Office, for his Excellency Col. Boyd, Governor of Gibraltar; and an Express was sent off for the Commander of his Majesty's Squadron in the Mediterranean.

They write from Hamburgh, that a Number of Transports are now loading there, with all Kinds of Provisions and Naval Stores, intended to follow the Russian Fleet to the Mediterranean.

By recent Letters from Copenhagen, we are informed, that a large Fleet of Danish Men of War are now fitting out, in the principal Harbours of that Kingdom, said to be intended to join the Russian Admiral in the Mediterranean.

Sept. 16. By Accounts from Bordeaux we hear, that the Person lately taken into Custody at Breit, by the Name of Lord Gordon, and accused with a Design to blow up the Fortifications of that City, has given ample Proofs of the Fallacy of the Charges against him, and that the whole Transaction was a political Stroke, which a short Time will explain, not a little to the Astonishment of the People of Great-Britain.

The Prices of Stocks in general have fell One per Cent. within these few Days, owing, it is said, to the Expectancy of a War very shortly.

It is remarkable, that the Three Gentlemen, Dr. Blackstone, Sir George Yonge, and Mr. Fitzherbert, whom Dr. Musgrave mentions in his Address to the Gentlemen of Devon, as having conferred with them some Years ago, relative to the supposed high Crime of certain great Persons, have now all of them Places under the Government.

Private Letters from Paris which arrived Yesterday, mention an Account had been received there, that Prince Gallitzin has been obliged to raise the Siege of Chocim, with the Loss of the greatest Part of his Artillery, and that he had repassed the Niester, and was pursued by the Grand Visir, at the Head of 150,000 Turks, who were joined by Two large Bodies of the Confederates and Tartars, into the Heart of Poland.

Extract of a Letter from Cork, dated Sept. 19.
"There is a Russian Fleet of 30 Sail of the Line now at Sea, bound for Constantinople: some say they are in the Downs. Yesterday Orders arrived to the Collector here from Government, directing, that provided they put in here, to supply them with Provisions, and any thing they may want. This it is thought, may once more embroil Europe."

Sept. 12. We are informed that his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester paid a Visit incog. at Paris, on his Return from his Travels.

It is said that Mr. Treysack de Vergy, Counsellor in the Parliament of Paris, intends to elucidate the Difference between Dr. Musgrave, and the Chevalier D'Eon, and make it public.

Sept. 13. It is said that several of the Nobility, who are true Friends to their Country, will form themselves into a Society before the Meeting of an august Assembly.

Extract of a Letter from Aylesbury, September 11.
"I am fat down to give you an Account of this Day's Proceedings relative to the Petition. You remember it to be the Day fixed on for Signing."

"All the Morning the Freeholders came in large Bodies from every Quarter, headed by their neighbouring Gentlemen, and about Noon they assembled in the County Hall; the most numerous and respectable Body I ever saw in this County.—Earl Verney opened the Cause of their meeting, and enforced the Necessity and Expediency, in a very animated Speech.—Mr. Auberv, Member for Wallingford, seconded Lord Verney, and explained the Nature of the common Grievance which they meant to petition for Redress, in a Manner which does him no little Credit, and which met with universal Acclamation and Applause.—The Hon. Mr. Hampden was then called to the Chair, out of Respect to the ever-memorable great John Hampden,

in King Charles's Time: He enforced the Necessity of petitioning, with the most elegant and convincing Arguments.—Mr. Calcraft next arose, and supported the Sentiments of the Gentlemen who had already spoken.—Mr. Edmund Burke, Member for Wexford, then got up, and, I believe, spoke for near an Hour, in a pure, eloquent, and rhetorical Manner, truly Ciceronian, which he is well known to be Master of: He explained the Custom, Law, and Usage of Parliament, and the Laws of the Land, touching the Right of Election; quoted the Authority, and the Right of Petitioning even to dissolve the Parliament: Precedent upon Precedent he brought to View, particularly in King William's Time, I think in 1701, he dissolved his Parliament upon his People's petitioning him for Redress of Grievances: I do assure you, I have long wanted to hear him speak, and I never was more pleased with any Expression I ever heard.—Mr. O'Brien next spoke; and after him several Gentlemen.—The Petition was then read by Mr. Auberv, which is confined to Right of Election only, and does the great Honour to the Person who drew it up. The Chairman desired all who were petitioning to shew Hands, and not one Person objected. The Chairman then read the Petition a Second Time, and afterwards desired all who objected to it to hold up their Hands, but not one appeared, but unanimously concurred to petition with loud Acclamations. They then proceeded to sign, Eight at a Time, there being Eight Skins, which the Gentlemen are to take to their respective Hundreds; and I have Authority to assure you, that there is not one Freeholder in the whole County, as far as Hand-Bills have been distributed in every Village, but is ready to meet the Petition wherever it is lodged, and will sign it, those few only who may be more immediately under the Wings of the Ministry, excepted. The following Noblemen and Gentlemen are fixed on to deliver the Petition: Earl Verney, Lord George Bentinck, Sir William Stanhope, Hon. Mr. Hampden, Hon. Henry Grenville, Mr. Auberv, Mr. Edmund Burke, and Mr. Calcraft.

P. S. Many loyal and constitutional Toasts were drunk at Dinner, one in particular, given by Mr. O'Brien, which struck me much: "May Unanimity submit among the Three Brothers," meaning Lord Temple, Lord Chatham, and the Honourable George Grenville, which was received with great Ecstasy; upon which Lord Temple stepped forward, and addressed himself nearly thus:

"Gentlemen, and Fellow Freeholders,

"I have the Pleasure to assure you, and, on my Honour, there is the greatest Unanimity amongst us. It is my Ambition, it is my Determination, and I have the Authority from them to assure you, that they will support this, and every constitutional Measure, for the general Good."

The American Trade, which at this Season used to be in a prosperous Condition, is now in a most abject State; there is not, we hear, one Ship put up at the Royal Exchange for New-York or Philadelphia; and for Bolton and Carolina, there are only Three for each Province.

It is said that the Freeholders of a considerable Borough in the West, intend to intrust their Representatives to apply for bringing about an immediate Enquiry into the Conduct of a Nobleman, who has lately been accused of obfuscating the Course of national Justice, in evading to scrutinize into the alarming Circumstances communicated to him some Time ago, by a certain Physician.

Sept. 8. It is reported, that the total Suppression of our Admiralty-Courts in the American Colonies, will soon take Place.

By a Letter from the Downs received Yesterday, we learn, that a Merchant Ship, bound for Oporto, is come to Anchor there, and waits only to take a noble Lord on board, who is said to be going to Italy. It is also said, that another Ship lies ready, with several Months Provisions on board, for the Use of the same great Person.

It was the Earl of Rochford who introduced Sir Francis Bernard to his Majesty on Wednesday. Sir Francis's Stay was but short; but it is said that he will tend the next Council, to give an Account of the present State of the Affairs of Massachusetts-Bay.

They write from Toulon, that an Armament is fitting out there, to chastise the Insolence of the Moors at Larache, whose Corsairs had lately taken 5 French Vessels in the Mediterranean.

Lord Weymouth has sent a Letter into the City, to acquaint the Merchants trading to Russia, that the Russians have dispatched a Fleet of 20 Ships of the Line to Constantinople: It is imagined the French will oppose this Squadron, and it is supposed a Council will be held this Day at St. James's on the Account.

They write from Hamburgh, that the present Disputes between England and her Colonies, had put a Stop to the farther Migration of Foreigners to settle in North-America.

The Westminster Petition has been carried about into the different Parishes throughout the said City, and has been signed by a great Number of the Inhabitants; but no Time is yet fixed for presenting the same.

It is rumoured, that a certain Governor has declared his Intentions to impeach some Gentlemen of great Influence, in one of the American Provinces, of high Treason.

Extract of a Letter from the Hague, September 1.

"The Corsican General Paoli was at Loo the Day before Yesterday, where he was received and entertained with the greatest Politeness by the Prince Stadtholder."

It is asserted, that a great Person in the Law has been applied to, within these Two Days, for his Opinion, respecting the Attack made upon the Character of a certain Nobleman, by a Country Physician.

A Correspondent says, that a certain Physician is likely to gain as little Credit by his Story in Relation to the Peace, as a Person commonly called the fighting Parson, did, by his Narrative of an extraordinary Duel, and observes, that the People of England have not been very credulous with Respect to sham Plots, &c. since they were so egregiously imposed upon in the Days of Charles the Second.

Aylesbury, September 14, 1769.
PRO MAGNA CHARIA, the ancient and spirited Motto of our Lord-Lieutenant, Baron de Despenfer has set this whole Country on Fire; and it appears happily for this Kingdom, that the Words are deeply engraven in the Hearts of every honest Elector. The Transactions of the 12th Instant at the General Meeting, does infinite Honour to all the Parties concerned. Earl Temple dined with the Freeholders at 101. a-Head; and his well known Zeal upon every Point of Liberty, did not desert him upon this great Occasion. His Lordship has now stepped forth, and put himself at the Head of the Stand, which is making in Support of the very Vitals of the Constitution; and the avowed Union of the Three Brothers upon this important Object, connected with the whole Rockingham Party, almost secures a Certainty of Success. One most material Part of the Remonstrance and Petition agreed upon, has not yet found its Way into any of the Papers; I shall therefore transcribe it for the public Attention and Use. After setting forth the Rights of the Electors under Magna Charta, the Bill of Rights, &c. it goes on in this Manner: "Notwithstanding which in Defiance and Contempt of these our just and ancient Rights, coeval with the very Being of the House of Commons, Two Days before the last Election for the County of Middlesex, your Majesty's Servants thought proper, either by their own Authority, or by their Advice to your Majesty, to confer a nominal Office on a Gentleman to vacate his Seat in Parliament, with the avowed Purpose of bringing him into the House of Commons as Knight of the Shire for the said County, by a small Number of Votes against a great Majority of legal Electors, which Purpose of theirs hath since been fatally carried into full Execution; justly alarmed at an Attempt of this formidable Nature, thus planned and avowed by divers evil Counsellors and Ministers, Duty to our Sovereign, and to our injured Country, calls upon us, &c."

AN NAPOLIS, November 30.

On Tuesday last arrived here the Ship *Frederick*, Captain *Nicholson*, from London, but late from Antigua, in whom came Passengers, *John Morton Jordan*, Esq; his Lady and Family; as likewise Mr. *Masters*, and Family.

'Tis said Mr. *Masters* has imported in Capt. *Nicholson*, a Cargo of European Goods, which were purchased and ready for shipping before the 25th of July; prior to which no Accounts of the Association in this Province could have reached England; however, we are informed this Gentleman very willingly submits the Disposal of his Goods to the Determination of the Committee of Merchants in this City.

We hear the Hon. the Lower House of Assembly have Resolved to bring in a Bill for emitting Bills of Credit, on Loan, to the amount of 300,000 Dollars, in order to Supply this Province with a circulating Medium, at this Time much wanted.

We hear from Charles County, that Three Parces of Goods, belonging to different Persons, have been landed there, contrary to the Tenor of the Association entered into in this Province, but Notice thereof being given to the Committee of Merchants, the Goods were re-shipped for Great-Britain.

On Tuesday the 14th Instant, died, in Anne-Arundel County, Mrs. *Sarah Gaither*, Relict of Mr. *Benjamin Gaither*, formerly of the same County, in the 79th Year of her Age; a Gentlewoman endowed with many good Qualities, and who performed the various Stations of Life with an unblemished Character; having been a faithful Wife, a kind and indulgent Parent, a humane Mistress, a kind Neighbour, benevolent Friend, and to her own Sex, an agreeable Companion.

November 23, 1769.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of *Rendle Monk*, late of Baltimore County, deceased, are desired to come and pay of their respective Balances; and those who have any just Claims against said Estate, are desired to bring them in, legally proved, that they may be adjusted and paid, by
HENRY RESTON, Executor.

WILLIAM BARBER, the Calvert POST, earnestly desires all those indebted by Subscription, to pay off their respective Balances, which will enable him to perform his different Stages as usual.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

Dumfries, October 14, 1769.
RAN away last Night, a Convict Servant Man, named WILLIAM POWELL, about 40 Years of Age, or upwards, born in some of the inland Counties in England, and speaks very plain English, he is 5 Feet 9 Inches high, has short dark gray Hair, writes a pretty good Hand, and has probably wrote some Letters, or made out a Pass, as he is an artful Fellow: Had on, when he went away, a strong Kersey Jacket, or short Coat, pretty much wore, a Pair of Buckskin Breeches, too large for him, a Pair of Aberdeen ribbed Hose, and a Pair of good Country Shoes almost new. He has also taken with him, an old Suit of black Cloaths, some Stockings and Shirts, he left Word in the Kitchen that he was going to kill Ducks, so that he was not directly missed. It is very likely that he is either gone down Patowmack River, or got over to Maryland. Whoever takes up said Servant, and brings him to me, shall be paid Five Pounds, if taken Twenty Miles, from thence, or upwards, and if nearer, Three Pounds.

RICHARD GRAHAM.

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THERE is at the Plantation of *Benjamin Brecken*, within Three Miles of Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a white MAKE, about Thirteen Hands high, switch Tail, and ridge Mane, branded on the near Buttock I C or I G, trots and gallops.

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